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# Letter from James Frothingham Whitney, New York, New York, to Sarah Whitney, 1873 January 10

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of discretion, and that this  
little "beginning of wisdom"  
was yet to be a marvel of  
goodness & all perfections.  
God grant that she hopeful,  
neither may not be disappointed  
in ~~her~~ training her child to  
what he should be, and to all  
good. But much is to be  
learned, my dear child  
Emma, and you, quite as  
much as your baby, are but  
in the beginning of wisdom.  
What is to be the future of  
you or your baby, "I nor you,  
nor Nobody knows."

There Sarah, is a letter  
full of baby & Emma —  
Of the rest of us, I have only  
to say that all are well,  
& with love & greetings  
to all at home good bye,  
I am,  
I am.

New York 10 Jan'y '73  
Dear Sarah, I don't know  
what report you have had  
from this quarter since I  
last had this pleasure, but  
I believe Mary has written  
once, & perhaps others. It was  
but natural that you should  
wish to be kept advised of  
Emma's condition, and I now  
having a little idleness on my  
hands will fill up the gap ~~of~~  
with a little idle gossip.  
Emma has been ~~so~~ <sup>wonderfully</sup> ~~astonishingly~~  
well through all her sickness  
that it can hardly be said  
that she has been sick at all.  
We may not see her down stairs  
next Sunday to dine with us,  
but she will eat as heartily as  
the best of us sitting up in her room.



Her baby partakes of the general  
good health & Constitution and  
is getting on & flourishing aston-  
-ishingly. He grows every day  
and every night, and already  
begins to assume proportions that  
would do credit to something more  
than a doll baby. Carrie is so  
delighted with her nephew in  
every way, that she is numbing-  
-full that the little thing is out-  
-growing her baby-dolls clothes  
with which she has been cov-  
-ering its nakedness since it  
came to the light of this world.  
Fortunate it was for the mother  
that she ~~am~~ had a ward-  
-robe ready for it, equal to the  
occasion. Her ~~first~~ first sacques,  
over skirts, and underskirts were  
a good fit, and just the thing  
that was wanted in the emer-  
-gency. Her friends have

been very kind, attentive and  
considerate since the birth of  
her child and Emma has  
already accumulated of all  
sorts of things that are needed  
now & will be useful hereafter.  
I wish you could see some of  
the beautiful gifts of flowers  
that have been sent to her.  
One of the last ~~was~~ in the form  
of a cradle with a tiny baby  
in it, of the old fashioned shape,  
with a covering for the head, the  
rest open - made of wire, and  
covered with exquisite flowers.  
These little attentions are pleasant  
and gratifying to the mother;  
what the baby thinks of them  
I am not advised. Emma  
already begins to lay down laws  
for the government of her first born  
child, and to hear how you would  
suppose she had arrived at years